



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated April 14, 2004, please amend the application identified above as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.